

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2045**

March 30, 2011

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the State Board of Education to include civil and human rights in Tennessee curriculum in grades K-12. Establishes the Tennessee Civil Rights Education Commission. The Commission shall work with the Department of Education to provide assistance and advice to schools with respect to the civil rights movement and human rights education; survey and catalog the extent to which civil rights and human rights education exists in state curricula; inventory civil rights memorials and other resources that may be used in the classroom; compile a list of volunteers who are willing to share their civil rights personal histories; and prepare reports for the Governor and General Assembly on the inclusion of civil rights studies into state education systems. The Commission shall be attached administratively to the Secretary of State and shall be composed of no more than 15 members, 11 of whom will serve voluntarily. Members will serve three-year terms on a rotating basis. Requires members of the Commission to be residents of Tennessee and to be appointed with regard to broad geographic representation. Authorizes the Commission to adopt rules and regulations for its organization, operation, management, and budget. Authorizes the Commission to apply for and receive public or private donations, including federal and private grants. Members of the Commission will not be compensated except by non-state funding. The Commission shall sunset on July 1, 2013.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$18,000/One-Time  
\$66,500/Recurring**

**Assumptions:**

- Members shall not be compensated for time or travel except from non-state funds.
- According to the Secretary of State, there will be an increase in state expenditures to fund the on-going operations of the Commission.
- A one-time increase in state expenditures of \$18,000 for a copier (\$3,000) and computers (\$15,000).
- A recurring increase in state expenditures of \$66,500 for printing and duplication (\$5,000), communications (\$6,500), office supplies (\$5,000), rental of office space (\$30,000), and professional services (\$20,000).
- The State Board of Education and the Department of Education can work with the Commission and implement any changes without major curriculum revisions or a significant increase in state expenditures.

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- No increase in personnel or a reduction in other budget items.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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